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Case of smallpox in Little Rock, Ark.

LITTLE ROCK, ARK., February 4, 1899.

SIR: I have the honor to report that there is a case of confluent smallpox in the Logan H. Roots Memorial Hospital in this city, in the person of a boy 7 years of age, who has been in the hospital two months preceding the attack. The source of contagion is not known. The hospital records show that on January 21, 1899, a patient was admitted to the hospital and was accompanied to the bathroom by the boy who now has smallpox, the disease of the former being recorded as chicken pox and patient discharged same day. On January 29 the boy was taken with the initial symptoms of smallpox. The case is now isolated and no communication is allowed with any part of the hospital building.

Respectfully, yours,

L. P. GIBSON,
*Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.**Smallpox in North Carolina.*

Health officer R. H. Lewis reports, February 4, 2 cases of smallpox in Pasquotank County. Origin of the disease, the vicinity of Norfolk. Precautions taken, compulsory vaccination.

Smallpox at San Rafael, Tex.

BROWNSVILLE, TEX., January 29, 1899.

SIR: I have the honor to report that 4 new cases of smallpox have been discovered at San Rafael, a ranch on the Texas side, about 6 miles from the city. The county physician has charge of these patients, and strict quarantine is observed. These, like the previously reported case, are outgrowths from Laredo, Tex.

I am, sir, respectfully, yours,

JOSEPH K. COMBE,
*Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.**Smallpox in Alexandria, Va.*

Following is the daily report of smallpox in Alexandria by Sanitary Inspector Snowden: January 30, 12 cases, 7 suspects; January 31, 5 cases, 13 suspects; February 1, 13 cases, 1 suspect; February 2, 6 cases; February 3, 9 cases, 4 suspects.

The total number of cases reported by Health Officer Miller to date, 149. He recommends closing of the public schools, but the authorities decline to take this step. A house-to-house vaccination is going on, but without compulsory vaccination.

February 4, 7 cases, 8 suspects; February 5, 4 cases, 2 suspects; February 6, 9 cases, 4 suspects.

Smallpox in Norfolk, Va.

NORFOLK, VA., February 6, 1899.

SIR: I have the honor to give the following report of smallpox at Norfolk up to February 3, as obtained from the health physician of the city. Total number of cases received and sent to pesthouse up to February 3, 286; discharged, 150; remaining at pesthouse, 136. At house of detention, total number of exposed persons held, 159; discharged, 80; remaining under observation, 79.

Respectfully, yours,

A. C. SMITH,
Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.